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3 By Representatives Collins, Baker, Faulkner, McMillan,
4 Garrett, Drummond, McCutcheon, Scott and Rich
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8 HONORING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF CAROLINE B. NOVAK,
9 PRESIDENT AND COFOUNDER OF A-PLUS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are awarded to
12 Caroline B. Novak for her remarkable career achievements upon
13 the occasion of her retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, Caroline B. Novak attended the public
15 schools of Montgomery, Alabama; she graduated from Sidney
16 Lanier High School, and later earned a Bachelor Degree in
17 Economics from Hollins College; and

18 WHEREAS, following her employment with Merrill
19 Lynch, she became involved in civic and education
20 organizations; she led the development of the nationally
21 recognized Artworks interactive wing of the Montgomery Museum
22 of Fine Arts, visited by thousands of children, families, and
23 teachers annually; and

24 WHEREAS, as a member of the Charter Class of
25 Leadership Alabama, Caroline challenged her class to address
26 improvements in education as the path to a better Alabama;
27 with the leadership of classmate Bill Smith, along with

1 corporate support, Caroline, Bill, and their inaugural class
2 launched A-Plus Education Partnership in 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, A-Plus is now nationally recognized as a
4 key driver of real improvement for public education in
5 Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, Caroline partnered with the state to
7 develop and roll out the Alabama Reading Initiative, an effort
8 that led to dramatic improvements in 4th Grade reading scores,
9 especially for minorities; and

10 WHEREAS, through Caroline's leadership, A-Plus
11 established two direct service initiatives, including The
12 Alabama Best Practices Center, which works with school
13 teachers across the state, resulting in improved teaching and
14 learning, and A-Plus College Ready, which has helped lead the
15 nation in the rate of improvement and success in Advanced
16 Placement Math, Science, and English courses; and

17 WHEREAS, she has helped launch two statewide
18 coalitions, the Alabama School Readiness Alliance, and Alabama
19 GRIT, which stands for Graduate Ready, Impact Tomorrow; and

20 WHEREAS, Caroline has served on the boards of the
21 Education Commission of the States, the Southern Regional
22 Education Board, the Business Council of Alabama, Sterling
23 Bank and Leadership Alabama, and has received honors from
24 Policy Innovators in Education, Samford University's Medallion
25 Award, and Mercedes-Benz; and

1 WHEREAS, Caroline's experience and leadership will
2 be missed by all those whose lives she touched and with whom
3 she served; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Caroline B.
6 Novak for her service and commitment to the State of Alabama,
7 and we extend to her best wishes in all future endeavors.